

A HAPPY Thanksgiving

IT was in November and only the day before Thanksgiving. On the morning aunts, uncles, cousins, grandparents and all relations would come and spend the day with Mr. and Mrs. Churchwell and little Florence. Mrs. Churchwell was the oldest daughter of Grandma Grey, and for that reason all the relatives spent the eventful day at her house.

Florence was a sweet little girl, much loved by all, and now that she had only one day to wait before the reunion of the family she was in great excitement. Of course it was Florence who, on the following day, had to help Nora set the table, and it was Florence who had to taste the candy to see if it was sweet enough.

At 10 o'clock the next morning the family started to arrive and kept on coming until noon. Florence all this time was much fondled and petted, and Cousin Ned declared that there would be no Florence left if the hugging did not stop.

Games were played, songs were sung, and all was fun and merriment. "Oh, look," said Cousin Alice, "it is snowing." And, sure enough, the snow was coming down in big flakes. The children all gathered around the window to watch the storm, when Cousin May saw a poor little girl trying to walk against the wind. She was shivering with cold, and her only wrap was a thin cotton shawl.

"Call her in and give her something warm to eat," said grandma, who had gone to the window when she heard the children's exclamations of pity. "Yes," said Mrs. Churchwell, "Annie, call her in."

The maid addressed went to the door and pulled in a half frightened and half frozen little girl. Meanwhile, Florence had gained permission not only to wait on the little girl herself, but also gave her the dollar she had saved for Christmas presents. Florence went out in the hall to meet her and led her into the breakfast room, where before her she put all kinds of goodies. Mrs. Churchwell said that she had warm clothes for her, and grandma said she would inquire into her story and see what she could do.

Aunts, uncles and cousins all determined to help in some way. After eating a warm dinner Florence took Edith, for that was her name, into the parlor, where she was plying with questions. She told Mrs. Churchwell that her name was Edith Greyton and that she lived in an alley right in the middle of the next square; she also said she had two brothers and one sister, all of whom were younger than herself. Her father was sick, and her mother had to wash to earn a living. After hearing the narrative and taking down her address, Mrs. Churchwell and Grandma Grey took her upstairs, where they

dressed her in warm clothing and promised to call and see her mother.

In the playroom that afternoon Florence sat surrounded by her cousins, to whom she was telling an idea. It would be less than a month till Christmas, and why couldn't they all try to earn some money and take Edith a Christmas basket? This was voted on unanimously, and eight little children went to their homes thinking of what they could do. That night, after the snow had stopped falling and the moon and stars had come out to play, the moon gazed down on the two happy children, one happy thinking of the good she had done and the other happy thinking of the good that had been done for her, and the moon smiled to himself and said, "For those two tots this has been a happy Thanksgiving."

—Buffalo Express.

Thanksgiving is an occasion of national interest, yet it possesses a significance that is entirely individual. With many of us things have gone well this year. The table is laden with plenty. There is meat in the larder and there is grain in the storehouse.

Local Thanksgiving Days.

The practice of having local Thanksgiving days has prevailed to some extent in America. On Oct. 15, 1814, the mayor of Baltimore, upon the suggestion of the city pastors, appointed the following Thursday "to be observed as a day of thanksgiving to the Adorable Disposer of all human events on account of our recent deliverance from the British fleet and army." That was for the escape of Baltimore after the attack on Washington in 1814. A few months later the newspapers stated that "both houses of the Ohio legislature on Wednesday, the 8th day of February, pursuant to a resolution previously adopted, moved in procession to the Presbyterian meeting house in Chillicothe and rendered public thanks to Almighty God for granting such brilliant success to our arms at New Orleans in the recent victories obtained by General Jackson and his compatriots." Chillicothe at that time was the capital of Ohio.

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"Right then Carnegie disregarded one of the road's strictest rules and sent out a dozen telegrams signed with Colonel Scott's name, giving orders that would clear the blockade.

"Young man," said the superintendent a few hours later, 'do you realize that you have broken this company's rules?'

"Well, Mr. Scott, aren't your tracks clear and your trains running?" asked the young telegrapher.

"Colonel Scott's punishment was to make Carnegie his private secretary. A few years later, when the colonel retired from office, he was succeeded by the former telegraph operator, then only twenty-eight years old."

The Thespian's Fiasco.

Among Italians, a correspondent in Rome tells me, the origin of the term "fiasco" for failure is believed to have originated in the remark of an old Italian actor. He had in the course of a play to deliver a somewhat lengthy monologue, in which he invariably scored a great success. It was his habit to always hold some object or other in his hand, changing the article every time he appeared and never using the same thing twice. One evening, seeing a white battle (called in Italian fiasco), he seized it and proceeded on the stage to pronounce his soliloquy. Whether it was that on that occasion the audience was extraordinarily difficult to please or whether it was that the actor was not up to his usual form, the fact remains that for once he did not obtain his customary applause, from which time the phrase "fare fiasco" has become general in the Italian language.—London Chronicle.

Order of Publication.

The Probate Court for the County of Shiawassee.

At a session of the Probate Court for said County held at the Probate office in the City of Corunna on the 14th day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

Present Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Arvilla M. Root, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Gustav F. Friesel and Bertha Dewitt, praying for the probate of the will of said deceased now filed in this court.

It is ordered that the 12th day of December next at ten o'clock in the forenoon at said Probate office, be appointed for examining and allowing said account.

And it is further ordered that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Owosso Times, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Shiawassee.

MATTHEW BUSH, Judge of Probate.

CLAUDE L. GALLOWAY, Probate Register.

Commissioners' Notice.

State of Michigan. The Probate Court for the County of Shiawassee.

In the matter of the estate of Sarah Conley deceased.

We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Hon. Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate in and for the County of Shiawassee, State of Michigan, commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said estate do hereby give notice that we will meet at the Old Corunna State Bank in the City of Corunna in said County on Monday the 10th day of January, A. D. 1917 and on Wednesday, the 14th day of March, A. D. 1917 at ten o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days for the purpose of receiving and adjusting all claims against said estate and that four months from the 10th day of November, A. D. 1916, are allowed to creditors to present their claims to said Commissioners for adjustment and allowance.

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